



VANDERBILT®  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

| Hearing and Speech Sciences

## Specialty Training Track: School Speech-Language Pathology for 5-Semester students

The School Track offers specialty training in school speech- language pathology for students who plan to pursue a career in schools working with students ages 3 through 21. The pediatric coursework in the required M.S.-SLP curriculum provides a foundation for students to build additional skills for school speech-language pathology specialization while providing students a strong foundation in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Students enrolled in the SLP program are required to complete at least five semesters of course work and a 10-week clinical or research externship. Students participating in the DHSS School Specialty Track must also complete the following:

- **4 seminar credits**
- **Extended Practicums:** Trainees will receive extended placements in the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (VKC) Reading Clinic, the Metro Nashville Public School (MNPS) Preschool Child Find Clinic and the MNPS School Placement. The goal of these placements is to experience the multiples roles of school SLPs and understand the many ways in which children with disabilities are supported in schools, for example, observing school psychologists and classroom observation.

### OTHER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES:

**Professional Development:** Students participate in available professional development which includes, It's All About Language workshops, Martha Lynch Lecture series, and the annual School Speech-Language Pathology Conference at Vanderbilt. In addition, there are many other optional professional development opportunities in the community.

\*Students on the school SLP track serve on the planning committee for the annual School SLP Conference at Vanderbilt.

Selected School Track students participate on the US Department of Education training grant entitled "Training Interdisciplinary Professionals to Serve Students with Severe Disabilities" (TIPS3) grant # H325K200036, a collaboration with Vanderbilt's Department of Special Education. Trainees complete additional coursework (exceptional learners, reading in children with intellectual disabilities, AAC in schools) and experiences (collaborative practicum with special education trainees, interdisciplinary seminar). Trainees may receive grant funding for tuition support.

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<https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/hearing-speech/msslp/specialty/>

## School Specialty Track 5-Semester Students Program of Study Curriculum

Courses Required			Course Name/hours
All SLP students	School Track	School TIPS3	
<b>FALL - YEAR 1</b>			
X			Physiological Bases of Comm. I (3 hrs.)
X			Intro to Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
X			Child Lang Impairment I: Nature (2 hrs.)
X			Child Lang Impairment IIa: Assessment (1 hr.)
X			Clin Principles and Procedures (2 hrs.)
X			Speech Sound Disorders (3 hrs.)
X			Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders (2 hrs.)
X			Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
	X	X	Speech-Language-Literacy Seminar (1 hr.)
		X	Characteristics of Students with Low Incidence Disabilities (3 hrs.)
<b>SPRING - YEAR 1</b>			
X			Physiological Bases of Comm. II (1 hr.)
X			Child Lang Impairment IIb: Assessment (1 hr.)
X			Child Language Impairment III: Intervention (2 hrs.)
X			Traumatic Brain Injury (2 hrs.)
X			Dysphagia (3 hrs.)
X			Aphasia (3 hrs.)
X			Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
	X	X	Speech-Language-Literacy Seminar (1 hr.)
		X	Augmentative and Alternative Communication (3 hrs.)

Courses Required			Course Name/hours
All SLP students	School Track	School TIPS3	
<b>SUMMER - YEAR 1</b>			
X			Motor Speech Disorders (2 hrs.)
X			Craniofacial Disorders (1 hr.)
X			Voice Disorders (2 hrs.)
X			Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
			Ped. Feeding/Swallowing (Elective- 1 hr.)
<b>FALL - YEAR 2</b>			
X			Stuttering (3 hrs.)
X			Augmentative/Alternative Communication (2 hrs.)
X			Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
	X	X	Speech-Language-Literacy Seminar (1 hr.)
X			AAC Lab (1 hr.)
		X	Teaching Reading to Students with Severe Disabilities (3 hrs.)
			Autism (Elective- 2 hrs.)
<b>SPRING - YEAR 2</b>			
X			Externship (10 weeks - 6 hrs.)
X			Professional Issues (1 hr.) (4 weeks - 1 hr.)
X			Fam Ctrd Counseling/Inter (4 weeks - 1 hr.)